

*The Christ Church History and Archives committee has been formed to collect, document and preserve the material and social history of the Parish and to encourage participation and involvement of all parishioners.*

## **Anniversaries**

It was a crisp winter morning on January 13<sup>th</sup> 1913, when some Calgarians, living near the city's southern outskirts, made their way to a new basement church, for the first service at the Christ Church, Elbow Park. Since then, the congregation have celebrated the anniversary of that first service every 25 years, each time with increasingly elaborate events. Generally, the celebrations have included: **1) Special Services, Attended by Former Clergy. 2) Social Gatherings with Music and Speeches of Reminiscence and Tribute. 3) Musical Concerts. 4) Photographic Displays of Former Times. 5) Dedications of New Additions to the Church Fabric.**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1938:** Two stained-glass windows were unveiled, one given by the 489 persons so far baptized at CC, and the second by the 518 confirmed.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1963:** A 24-page history booklet 'Harvest of the Years' was published. We have some copies on hand.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1972:** Featured a commemorative dinner at the Palliser Hotel.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1988:** A Memorial Scholarship was established in honour of our own distinguished Theology Professor, Peter Craigie, who had recently died in a car accident. The wooden cross above the Altar was installed in his memory, moving the Communion rail towards the nave, and some charitable donations were all accomplished with this fund. There was also a quiet morning with the Primate.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 2012/3:** This lasted a whole year. The new Crump room provided a lovely setting for many of the events. The opening service, featured a procession with representation of each generation, including centenarian, Rubina Moody. To recreate the first service, the church was rearranged to reflect 1913. Clergy choir and parishioners wore period costume, and the liturgy from the 1662 prayer book was used. Premier Alison Redford, MP Joan Crockett and Mayor Naheed Nenshi attended a Centennial weekend. A donated original painting of CC by Grant Reddick, of Christmas Carol fame, was auctioned, which the purchaser gave back to CC. Subsequently, reproductions of that painting, together with souvenir Christmas tree ornaments, were sold. Other centennial activities included a bake sale, church tours, a historical walk of Elbow Park, three special concerts, a benefit golf tournament and the creation of three 100-square shawls, for church use. The legacy project was the Labyrinth, largely constructed by 40 volunteers and surrounded by a Tranquility Garden. A mission statement was created for the next 100 years around the five Anglican Marks of Mission, and the year concluded with a quarter peel of the bells.

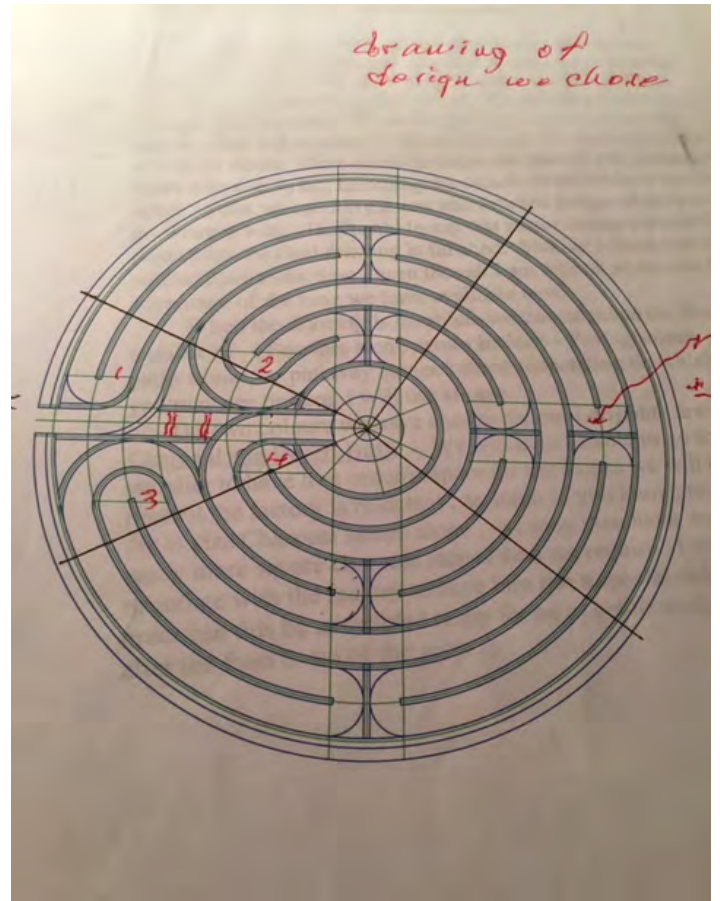
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*Labyrinth created at  
The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Elbow Park*



*Drawing by Norm Dymond*



*Painted by April Viczko*



*Given by Grant Reddick, on its centennial in 2012  
Small prints sold as a fundraiser*

Horne	1913 – 1929	Tatchell	1966 – 1980	Tucker	2005 – 2015
Luxton	1930 – 1933	Curtis	1980 – 1983	Belcher	2015 – 2016
Kemp	1933 – 1944	O'Driscoll	1984 – 1992	Pickett	2016 – Present
Crump	1944 – 1960	Boyles	1992 – 1993		
Dowker	1960 – 1966	Pike	1993 – 2003		